

CLAIMS

1. An implement for demarcating an area, in particular for restricting the freedom of movement of animals walking about freely, characterized in that the implement is provided with a demarcation element (10) and at least one vehicle (1, 1', 1'') connected thereto, said vehicle being suitable for adjustably positioning an end of at least a section (12) of the demarcation element (10).

10 2. An implement as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the demarcation element (10) is designed as an element which is capable of being wound and unwound.

15 3. An implement as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the demarcation element (10) is designed as an element which is capable of being tightened.

20 4. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said implement is provided with at least one adjustable reference point (18) for fastening at least one end of the demarcation element (10).

25 5. An implement as claimed in claim 3 or 4, characterized in that said implement is provided with tightening means (5a) for tightening the demarcation element (10).

6. An implement as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the tightening means (5a) are fitted to the vehicle (1, 1').

30 7. An implement as claimed in claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the tightening means (5a) are disposed at the reference point (18).

8. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 7, characterized in that that said implement is provided with winding means (9, 5a) for winding and unwinding an adjustable section of the demarcation element (10).

35 9. An implement as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the winding means (9, 5a) are fitted to the vehicle (1, 1').

10. An implement as claimed in claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the winding means (9, 5a) are disposed at the reference point (18).

11. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that the winding means (9, 5a) are provided with length measuring means (13) for determining the length of a wound or unwound section of the demarcation element (10).

12. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the vehicle (1, 1', 1'') is provided with angle measuring means (14) for determining the angle between a reference direction (19) of the vehicle (1, 1', 1'') and the direction of the substantially straight extending section(s) (12) of the demarcation element (10).

13. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 4 to 12, characterized in that the reference point (18) is provided with angle measuring means (14) for determining the angle between a reference direction of the reference point (18) and the direction of the end(s) of the demarcation element (10).

14. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 13, characterized in that the vehicle (1, 1', 1'') is provided with solar panels (8) for its energy supply.

15. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14, characterized in that the vehicle (1, 1', 1'') is an unmanned vehicle.

16. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 15, characterized in that the vehicle (1, 1', 1'') is designed as a two-wheeled vehicle.

17. An implement as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that both wheels (4) of the vehicle (1, 1', 1'') are drivable independently of each other.

18. An implement as claimed in claim 16 or 17, characterized in that the wheels (4) of the vehicle (1'') are fitted to the vehicle (1'') in such a way that their imaginary axes (3') intersect in a point which is situated at a lower level than the centres of the wheels (4).

19. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 5 to 18, characterized in that the tightening means (9, 5a) comprise a motor (5a).

5 20. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 19, characterized in that the implement is provided with a positioning system for the vehicle(s) (1, 1', 1").

10 21. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 20, characterized in that the implement is provided with means for determining the distance from the vehicle (1, 1', 1") to an adjustable measuring point, in particular to one of the further vehicles (1, 1', 1").

22. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 21, characterized in that the implement is provided with means for determining the contours of the area to be demarcated.

25 23. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 22, characterized in that the vehicle(s) (1, 1', 1") is/are remotely controllable.

20 24. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 23, characterized in that the demarcation element (10) is designed as a double conductor.

25 25. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 24, characterized in that said implement is provided with a computer for remotely controlling the vehicle(s) (1, 1', 1").

26. An implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 25, characterized in that the vehicle (1) is provided with two winding means (9, 5a) which are capable of being controlled independently of each other.

27. A vehicle which is suitable for being used in an implement as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 26.